

Reading frequency policy

Reading activities in school

- ERR for all children 3 x a day (plus extra for children not meeting national expectations)
- Booster reading sessions for all children not meeting National expectations.
- 1 library session a week where children choose a book for the week.
- Each class has a book corner where children have access to a range of books.
- Literacy sessions every day in class.
- Hertfordshire reading twice a year with the Headteacher
- Library visits.
- Talks from the librarian.
- Word checks every half term and weekly in FS.
- Ongoing reading activities in all classes.
- Cross-curricular lessons where reading is involved.
- Displays in classes which support lessons
- We celebrate books with Wickford Library through the summer book challenge.
- Reading challenges which will begin at the teachers' discretion.

Formal reading sessions are as follows:

- Each child will read with their class teacher once a week.
- Each child will read with their class TA once a week.
- 4 x literacy lessons a week.
- Booster sessions for those children who have been highlighted. Extension activities for children who have been highlighted
- In foundation stage books will be changed once a week and Key word checks and assessments completed weekly.
- In KS1 books will be changed a minimum of twice a week (where applicable, ie, if the child has read the book at home and to a member of staff in school)

These are ideal expectations however there will be weeks where this cannot happen due to school trips, staff courses, staff illness, child illness, when book bag is left at home and adverse weather.

What parents can do to help

- Read at home every day.
- Practise key words on a regular basis.
- Talk about the books.
- Please do not read both books every night so that there is variety through the week
- Ask questions about the story.
- Write a short comment every time they read with their child.
- Visit the library.
- Enjoy books that are not school books at home. Please ensure that the balance is 30% school books and 70% library/own story books

Some issues and concerns that parents have raised

We appreciate that you want to encourage your child to read on a regular basis however please be mindful that it is the love of books that we want to promote.

- We are setting the children up for the love of books and literature.
- Children who are exposed to a range of literature and genres are those that grow up to enjoy reading.
- Please do not purchase the ORT books to read at home, as your child will still need to complete the level within school.
- The teachers assess and track the children's levels in reading on a regular basis.
- The levels that appear on the back of the books are not always correct, as the publisher has re-classified the books, and we have older sets.
- The 100 key words are on the school website for you to download and practise at home.
- The changing of books and levels are at the teachers' discretion.
- The Literacy leader is Mrs Rogan, if you have any issues please contact her.
- Please write a short note in the home school diary when you have read at home.
- Please note that a large proportion of the reading to the teachers takes place in the morning from 8:35. This is why it is imperative that you do not interrupt the teacher at this time.

Ratified by *Governors* on

Signed by

Chair of committee

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